

**REMARKS**

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's Amendment contained in the Notice of Allowance mailed September 23, 2008 and the Supplemental Examiner's Amendment contained in the Office Communication mailed December 2, 2008.

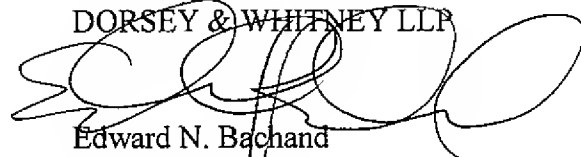
The Specification is amended herein to make further corrections thereto, and no new matter is introduced by such amendments. The Specification utilized for the foregoing amendments includes the Examiner's Amendment contained in the Notice of Allowance mailed September 23, 2008 and the Supplemental Examiner's Amendment contained in the Office Communication mailed December 2, 2008, except for the amendment to Page 2, line 20 of the application contained in the Office Communication mailed December 2, 2008 that appears to be in error and instead should refer to Page 2, line 29. as amended herein.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error and more specifically to correct "elevating" to "alleviating." In this regard, Applicant notes that the word "elevating" appears in the language cited in the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowance and thereby requests that the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance be amended to read: "The prior art of record does not disclose or fairly suggest whereby immediately after said reduction of pressure within the treatment vessel, the partially impregnated wood includes an unimpregnated inner zone which has a residual vacuum alleviating seepage of treatment solution in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations as set forth in Claim 1."

Should the Examiner believe that these corrections are not proper and that a telephone interview would further the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

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